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 For: LAUNDRY DETERGENT COMPACT WHICH DISINTEGRATES IN
 LIQUID

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.56

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a prima facie prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

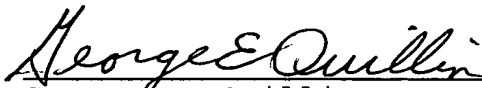
Document B1 relates to perfume releasing tablets. An English abstract is enclosed. The relevance of documents B2-B4 is described in the present specification. English translations of the German documents are not readily available; however, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in § 1.491.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialled copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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